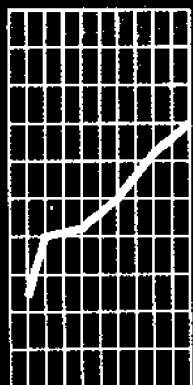




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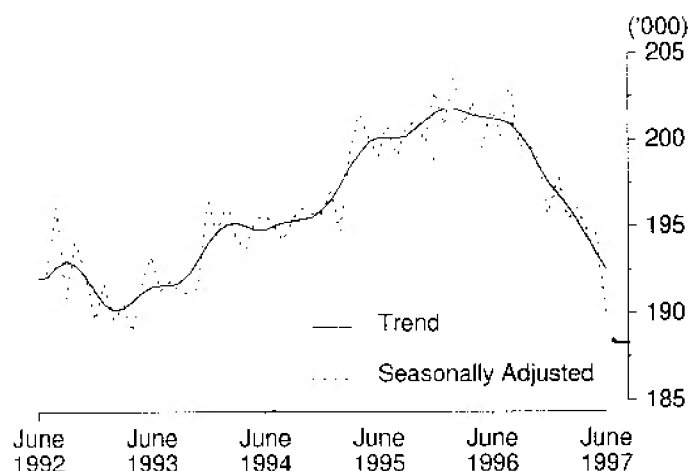
## MAIN FEATURES

### EMPLOYMENT

State comparisons  
trend estimates

The Australian and State *trend* series comparisons are given on page 25. There was a decrease of 4.3% in Tasmania's employment over the year to June 1997. The largest percentage increase in employment was in Queensland (1.5%). Next followed Western Australia (1.4%), Victoria (0.8%), New South Wales and South Australia (both 0.4%).

### EMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



Regional comparisons  
original terms

In the Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions the estimate of employment in *original terms* in June 1997 was 94,200, and compares with 98,900 in June 1996. The estimate of employment in the Northern Statistical Division in June 1997 was 53,600 and compares with 58,000 in June 1996. The estimate of employment in the Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division was 41,800 in June 1997, and compares with 44,300 in June 1996.

(See tables 3-8, pages 2-7.)

### THE LABOUR FORCE

Trend estimates

There were an estimated 215,800 persons (based on *trend* estimates) in the labour force in June 1997, and an estimated 369,600 civilian Tasmanians aged 15 years or more, yielding a labour force participation rate of 58.4%. This compares with 61.1% in June 1996.

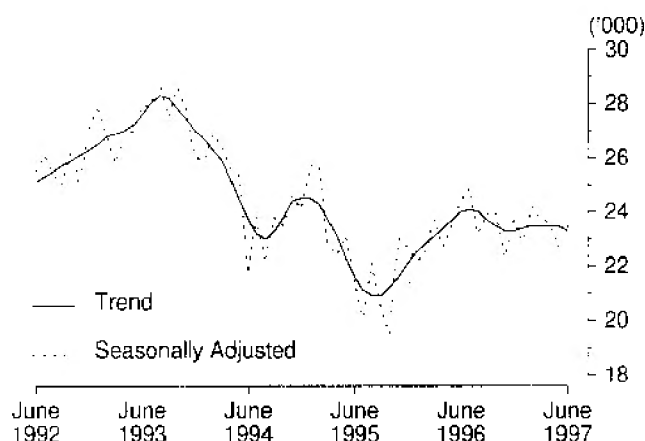
For males, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 69.0%, compared with 72.2% for June 1996. For females, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 48.2%, compared with 50.4% in June 1996.

(See table 3, page 2.)

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Tasmania for June 1997 was 23,300. This compares with 24,000 for June 1996. The *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate of 10.8% in June 1997 compares with 10.6% in June 1996.  
(See tables 3-8, pages 2-7.)

### UNEMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



## AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES

Original terms From May 1996 to May 1997, weekly award rates of pay indexes for Tasmania increased 0.7% for full-time adult female employees and 0.5% for full-time adult male employees, with a combined annual increase of 0.6%. For Australia, the figures were 1.3% for females and 0.8% for males, with a combined annual increase of 0.9%.

For full-time adult female employees in Tasmania, over the same 12 month period, the largest industry increases were in the Transport and storage industry (7.0%); and the Manufacturing industry (1.3%).

For full-time adult male employees in Tasmania, over the same period, the largest industry increases were in the Recreation, personal and other services industry (1.6%); and the Transport and storage industry (1.5%).

For full-time adult female employees in Tasmania, the largest occupation increases over the same period were in Tradespersons (1.1%); and Para-professionals (1.1%).

For full-time adult male employees in Tasmania, the largest occupation increases over the same period were in Clerks (0.9%); and Labourers and related workers (0.7%).

Source: *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue no. 6312.0.



## BUILDING MATERIALS PRICE INDEXES

Original terms    The price index of materials used in house building in Hobart decreased by 0.3% over the twelve months ending May 1997. All other capital cities increased with Adelaide being the highest with 2.6%. The weighted average of the eight capital cities increased by 1.2%.

For the month of May 1997, the index for Hobart remained steady, while the weighted average for the eight capital cities increased by 0.2%.

The Price Index of materials used in building other than house building in Hobart increased by 1.3% over the twelve months ending May 1997. Most other capital cities experienced an increase with Brisbane being the highest with 1.8%. The weighted average for the eight capital cities increased by 0.9%.

For the month of May, the index for Hobart remained steady, along with Sydney and Adelaide. Melbourne and Perth experienced a decrease and Brisbane experienced an increase. The weighted average for the eight capital cities remained steady.

*(See tables 15 and 18, pages 11 and 13.)*

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Original terms    The Consumer Price Index: All Groups Index for Hobart fell by 0.5% in the June quarter of 1997, and rose by 0.6% for the year ending June. This compared with a fall of 0.2% for the weighted average of the eight capital cities for the June quarter, and a rise of 0.3% for the year.

Capital cities recording the largest increases in the index for the year ending June 1997 were Hobart, Darwin, Melbourne and Brisbane (all 0.6%). Decreases were recorded by Canberra (- 0.8%) and Adelaide (- 0.1%).

Contributing most to the annual increase at the national level were the cost of hospital and medical services up 11.2%, vehicle insurance up 6.4% and entertainment up 4.9%. These were partly offset by decreases in mortgage interest charges, which fell 24.1%, and the price of motor vehicles which fell by 7.2%.

*(See tables 15 and 17, pages 11 and 12.)*

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING

Trend estimates    In May 1997, the *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of cattle and calves in Tasmania was 2.4% higher than that recorded in the previous month. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered increased by 0.7%, and the number of pigs slaughtered increased by 1.2% over the same period.

The *trend* estimate of the number of cattle and calves slaughtered in May 1997 was 25,100 which was 32.0% above the number slaughtered in May 1996.

The *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of sheep and lambs was 72,500 in May 1997, which was 22.7% above the number slaughtered in May 1996. This was the eighth successive monthly increase in the number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in Tasmania, but well below the trend estimate of 76,900 slaughtered in May 1995.

The *trend* estimate of 7,300 pigs slaughtered in May 1997 was 3.9% above the number slaughtered in May 1996, but 6.3% below the number slaughtered in May 1995.

(See table 21, page 16.)

## BUILDING APPROVALS

Original terms There were 147 dwelling units approved during May 1997 in Tasmania. This was 25.0% below the April 1997 figure of 196 and a 16.0% decrease on the number recorded for May 1996 (175).

For the twelve months ended May 1997 there were 1,921 new dwelling units approved, 24.8% below the 2,553 units recorded for the twelve months ended May 1996.

The value of new residential building approved, at current prices, in May 1997 was \$12.8 million, 24.4% below the April 1997 figure, and 10.2% below the figure recorded for May 1996.

The value of all building approved, at current prices, in May 1997 was \$33.6 million, 31.6% above the April 1997 figure but 32.2% below the May 1996 figure.

(See table 27, page 20.)

## HOUSING FINANCE

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate for the number of dwelling commitments entered into in Tasmania in May 1997 was 844 dwellings. This was an increase of 2.6% over the previous month's figure, but a decrease of 1.5% on the May 1996 figure. This decrease was against the national movement, where the total number of Australian dwelling commitments increased 8.5% over the May 1996 figure.

The *trend* estimate of the value of new commitments in Tasmania at May 1997 was \$58 million, down 4.8% on the May 1996 value of \$60.9 million. This value fluctuated over the last twelve months, between a low of \$56.3 million in March 1997 and a high of \$72 million in September 1996. Nationally, the value of commitments increased 18.4%, from \$3,700.5 million in May 1996.

(See table 28, page 20.)

## NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Original terms There were 1,211 new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in Tasmania during May 1997. This was 15.7% above the figure for April 1997 and 0.7% above the figure for May 1996.

(See table 34, page 24.)

## RETAIL

Original terms In *original terms*, the estimate of retail turnover in Australia during May 1997 was \$10,504.3 million, 3.6% above the estimate recorded in May 1996.

In *original terms*, the estimate of retail turnover in May 1997, for Tasmania, was \$254.0 million, 1.5% above the estimate recorded for May 1996.

Trend estimates    The *trend* estimate of retail turnover in Australia during May 1997, was \$10,507.5 million, 2.8% higher than for May 1996.

The *trend* estimate of retail turnover in Tasmania recorded for May 1997, was \$252.9 million, an increase of 2.5% on the May 1996 figure.

The monthly *trend* estimate for turnover of retail and selected service establishments for Tasmania has shown an increase each month for the last nine months.

(See table 35, page 24.)



# 1

## POPULATION: Original

	Estimated resident population at end of period	Natural increase <sup>1</sup>	Net estimated migration gain	Total population growth	Annual growth rate <sup>2</sup>
Year or quarter	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
<b>Year ended 30 June</b>					
1992	469.8	3.2	- 0.3	3.0	0.64
1993	471.6	3.1	- 1.5	1.8	0.38
1994	472.9	3.1	- 2.0	1.3	0.28
1995	473.7	2.9	2.4	0.8	0.18
1996 p	474.6	2.6	- 2.2	0.9	0.18
<b>Quarter</b>					
<b>1995</b>					
September p	474.1	0.7	- 0.5	0.4	0.17
December p	474.2	0.5	- 0.6	0.1	0.18
<b>1996</b>					
March p	474.5	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.16
June p	474.6	0.6	- 0.4	0.1	0.18
September p	474.7	0.6	- 0.5	0.1	0.11
December p	474.2	0.6	- 1.1	- 0.4	0.01

<sup>1</sup> Excess of live births registered over deaths registered (based on usual State of residence).

<sup>2</sup> Percentage growth from same quarter in previous year.

(Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

# 2

## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTERED: Original

Year or quarter	Births		Deaths		Infant mortality <sup>1</sup>		Marriages	
	No.	Rate <sup>2</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Deaths	Rate <sup>3</sup>	No.	Rate <sup>2</sup>
<b>Year ended 31 December</b>								
1992	6 956	14.8	3 722	7.9	43	6.2	3 081	6.5
1993	6 804	14.4	3 618	7.7	37	5.4	3 055	6.5
1994	6 836	14.4	3 909	8.3	16	6.7	2 887	6.1
1995	6 558	13.8	3 739	7.9	36	5.5	2 840	6.0
1996 p	6 419	13.5	3 884	8.2	29	4.5	2 653	5.6
<b>Quarter</b>								
<b>1995</b>								
September	1 697	..	982	..	9	5.3	307	..
December	1 446	..	906	..	9	6.2	799	..
<b>1996</b>								
March p	1 748	..	979	..	10	5.7	857	..
June p	1 524	..	969	..	6	3.9	789	..
September p	1 603	..	1 034	..	8	5.0	349	..
December p	1 544	..	902	..	3	1.9	658	..

<sup>1</sup> Registered deaths of children under one year of age.

<sup>2</sup> Rate per 1,000 of estimated mean population

<sup>3</sup> Rate per 1,000 live births.

(Source: Australian Demographic Statistics, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

## 3

LABOUR FORCE STATUS<sup>1</sup>: Seasonally adjusted and trend

Month	Seasonally adjusted series				Trend Series			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	%	%
MALES								
<b>1996</b>								
June	116.0	15.1	11.5	72.4	115.8	15.0	11.5	72.2
July	115.1	15.3	11.8	72.0	115.9	14.8	11.3	72.1
August	117.7	14.1	10.7	72.7	115.9	14.6	11.2	71.9
September	115.6	14.4	11.1	71.7	115.6	14.3	11.0	71.6
October	114.4	14.2	11.1	70.9	115.1	14.0	10.9	71.1
November	114.8	12.8	10.1	70.3	114.4	13.9	10.8	70.7
December	113.0	14.7	11.5	70.3	113.7	14.0	10.9	70.3
<b>1997</b>								
January	113.4	13.6	10.7	69.9	113.1	14.1	11.1	70.1
February	112.1	14.7	11.6	69.8	112.7	14.3	11.2	69.9
March	113.4	14.0	11.0	70.1	112.4	14.3	11.3	69.8
April	111.5	15.4	12.1	69.8	112.0	14.3	11.3	69.5
May	112.3	13.4	10.6	69.2	111.6	14.2	11.3	69.2
June	110.6	13.7	11.0	60.4	111.4	14.0	11.1	69.0
FEMALES								
<b>1996</b>								
June	85.7	9.3	9.7	50.7	85.4	9.0	9.5	50.4
July	85.1	9.6	10.1	50.5	85.2	9.2	9.8	50.4
August	85.6	9.1	9.6	50.5	85.0	9.4	10.0	50.4
September	84.0	9.5	10.1	49.8	84.7	9.5	10.1	50.2
October	85.3	9.8	10.3	50.6	84.4	9.5	10.1	50.0
November	84.0	9.4	10.1	49.8	84.1	9.4	10.1	49.8
December	82.6	9.0	9.8	48.8	83.8	9.4	10.1	49.6
<b>1997</b>								
January	84.5	9.3	9.9	49.9	83.6	9.3	10.0	49.5
February	83.3	9.5	10.3	49.4	83.3	9.3	10.0	49.3
March	82.6	9.7	10.5	49.2	82.9	9.2	10.0	49.1
April	83.3	8.3	9.1	48.7	82.4	9.3	10.1	48.8
May	82.3	9.3	10.2	48.8	81.8	9.3	10.2	48.5
June	79.4	9.8	11.0	47.5	81.2	9.4	10.4	48.2
TOTAL								
<b>1996</b>								
June	201.7	24.4	10.8	61.4	201.2	24.0	10.6	61.1
July	200.2	24.9	11.1	61.1	201.1	24.1	10.7	61.1
August	203.3	23.2	10.2	61.4	200.9	24.0	10.7	61.0
September	199.6	23.9	10.7	60.6	200.3	23.7	10.6	60.7
October	199.6	24.0	10.7	60.6	199.5	23.5	10.5	60.4
November	198.8	22.3	10.1	59.9	198.4	23.3	10.5	60.1
December	195.6	23.7	10.8	59.4	197.5	23.3	10.6	59.8
<b>1997</b>								
January	197.8	22.9	10.4	59.8	196.8	23.4	10.6	59.6
February	195.4	24.2	11.0	59.5	196.1	23.5	10.7	59.4
March	196.0	23.7	10.8	59.5	195.3	23.5	10.8	59.2
April	194.7	23.6	10.8	59.1	194.4	23.5	10.8	59.0
May	194.5	22.7	10.4	58.8	193.4	23.5	10.8	58.7
June	189.9	23.5	11.0	57.8	192.5	23.3	10.8	58.4

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.  
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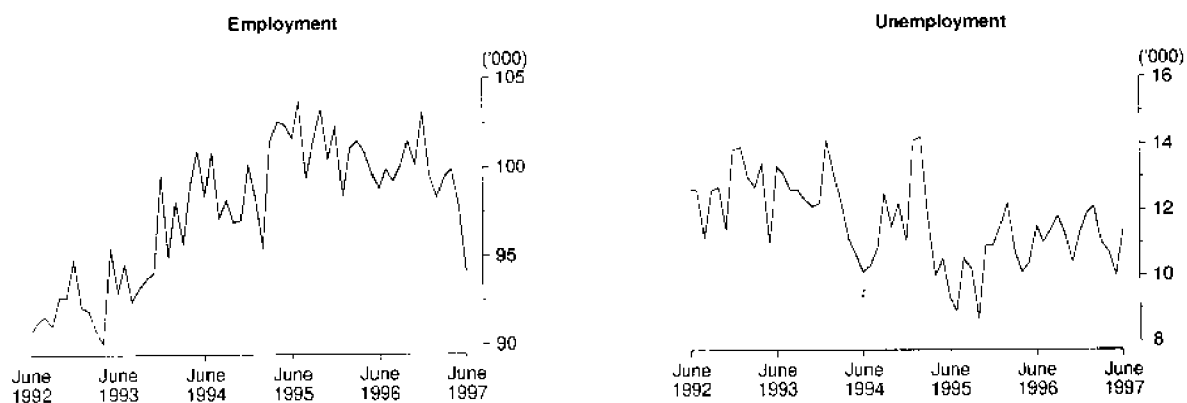
## LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, MALES<sup>1, 2</sup>: Original

Month		Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS					
1994	June	53.5	6.7	11.1	68.6
1996	June	55.6	7.4	11.8	71.0
1997	April	55.0	6.8	11.0	68.2
	May	54.0	6.1	10.1	66.9
	June	52.8	6.9	11.5	66.2
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	31.1	4.2	11.9	71.2
1996	June	33.2	4.3	11.3	74.3
1997	April	32.4	4.0	10.9	70.0
	May	33.1	3.8	10.3	70.6
	June	32.4	4.3	11.7	70.1
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	27.2	3.4	11.1	72.0
1996	June	26.6	3.5	11.6	71.8
1997	April	24.4	3.8	13.4	72.2
	May	25.5	2.8	9.8	71.3
	June	24.9	2.6	9.4	70.0
TASMANIA					
1994	June	111.8	14.3	11.3	70.1
1996	June	115.4	15.2	11.6	72.1
1997	April	111.8	14.5	11.5	69.6
	May	112.6	12.7	10.1	68.9
	June	110.0	13.7	11.1	68.1

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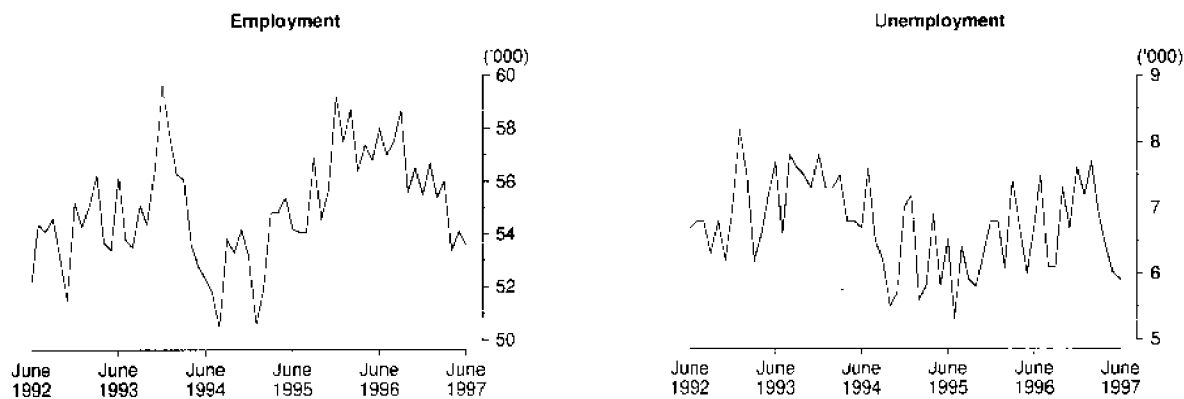


Month		Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
<b>HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS</b>					
1994	June	45.1	3.4	7.0	52.1
1996	June	43.3	4.1	8.6	51.3
1997	April	44.9	3.9	8.0	51.2
	May	43.9	3.9	8.1	51.0
	June	41.4	4.6	9.9	49.1
<b>NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>					
1994	June	21.2	2.5	10.5	44.8
1996	June	24.8	2.4	8.9	52.2
1997	April	21.0	2.5	10.5	45.6
	May	21.0	2.2	9.5	44.6
	June	21.2	1.6	6.8	43.8
<b>MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>					
1994	June	16.8	2.0	10.5	46.4
1996	June	17.7	2.1	10.4	46.3
1997	April	17.5	1.9	9.8	47.3
	May	18.5	2.7	12.9	50.2
	June	16.9	2.9	14.7	46.9
<b>TASMANIA</b>					
1994	June	83.0	7.8	8.6	48.8
1996	June	85.8	8.5	9.1	50.4
1997	April	83.4	8.3	9.0	48.8
	May	83.4	8.8	9.6	49.1
	June	79.5	9.0	10.2	47.1

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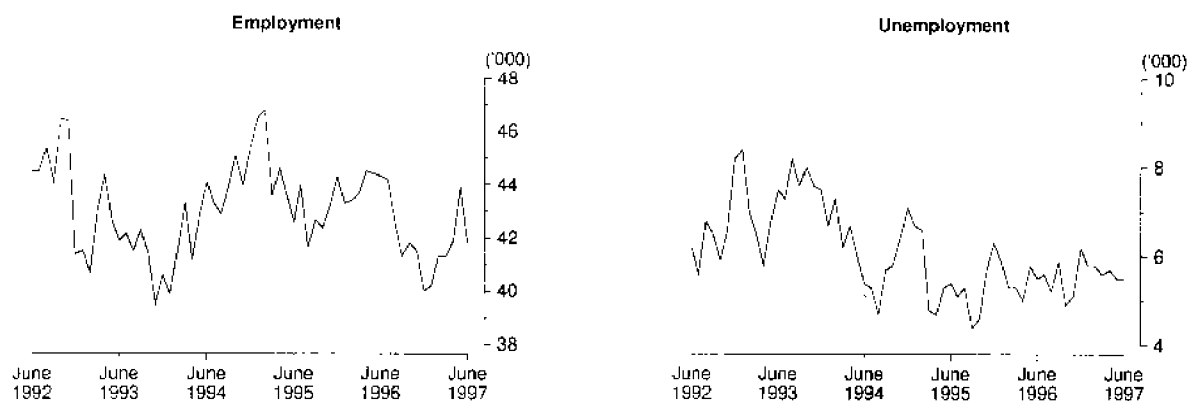
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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, PERSONS<sup>1, 2</sup>: **Original**

Month		Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS					
1994	June	98.5	10.1	9.3	60.1
1996	June	98.9	11.5	10.4	60.9
1997	April	99.9	10.7	9.7	59.5
	May	97.9	10.0	9.3	58.8
	June	94.2	11.4	10.8	57.5
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	52.3	6.7	11.3	57.6
1996	June	58.0	6.7	10.3	63.0
1997	April	53.4	6.4	10.8	57.8
	May	54.1	6.0	10.0	57.6
	June	53.6	5.9	9.9	57.0
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION					
1994	June	44.1	5.4	10.9	59.5
1996	June	44.3	5.5	11.1	58.9
1997	April	41.9	5.7	11.9	59.5
	May	43.9	5.5	11.1	60.4
	June	41.8	5.5	11.6	58.0
TASMANIA					
1994	June	194.9	22.2	10.2	59.3
1996	June	201.2	23.7	10.5	61.1
1997	April	195.3	22.8	10.5	59.0
	May	195.9	21.5	9.9	58.8
	June	189.6	22.8	10.7	57.5

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Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division—Persons: **Original**

		<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>							
		<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15-19</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Unemployment population ratio</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
<i>Month</i>		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%	%
ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
1994	June	7.3	10.0	2.2	2.2	12.2	1.7	14.0	18.2	15.7	87.6
1996	June	7.0	9.3	2.7	2.7	12.0	1.3	13.3	22.7	20.3	90.6
1997	April	6.3	8.5	2.8	2.9	11.5	1.8	13.3	25.6	22.1	86.4
	May	6.0	8.7	3.0	3.3	12.0	1.3	13.3	27.5	24.8	89.9
	June	5.3	7.6	3.1	3.1	10.8	2.4	13.2	29.1	23.8	82.0
ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL TIME											
1994	June	0.3	4.9	0.2	1.3	6.3	14.0	20.3	20.6	6.4	31.0
1996	June	0.3	6.9	0.2	1.2	8.1	12.6	20.8	14.8	5.8	38.9
1997	April	0.4	5.8	0.7	1.8	7.7	13.4	21.1	23.9	8.7	36.3
	May	0.0	5.3	0.1	1.3	6.6	14.4	21.0	20.1	6.3	31.5
	June	0.2	5.2	0.3	2.2	7.3	13.9	21.2	29.7	10.2	34.5
TOTAL											
1994	June	7.6	14.9	2.3	3.6	18.5	15.7	34.2	19.2	10.5	54.1
1996	June	7.3	16.2	2.9	4.0	20.2	13.9	34.1	19.6	11.7	59.2
1997	April	6.7	14.3	3.5	4.8	19.1	15.2	34.3	24.9	13.9	55.7
	May	6.0	14.0	3.1	4.6	18.6	15.7	34.3	24.9	13.5	54.2
	June	5.5	12.8	3.3	5.3	18.1	16.3	34.4	29.3	15.4	52.7

<sup>1</sup> Persons aged 15-19 years.

<sup>2</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.  
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Occupation	May 1995	May 1996		Proportion of total employed		
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	May 1995	May 1996
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
<b>Managers and administrators</b>	19.0	13.6	3.4	17.0	9.4	8.5
Farmers and farm managers	6.5	4.0	0.9	4.9	3.2	2.4
Managing supervisors	6.9	6.5	1.5	8.0	3.4	4.0
Other	5.6	3.1	1.2	4.1	2.8	2.0
<b>Professionals</b>	25.1	12.8	10.7	23.5	12.5	11.7
Building and professional engineers	2.4	1.6	—	1.6	1.2	0.8
Health diagnosis and treatment practitioners	3.0	1.3	1.5	2.8	1.5	1.4
School teachers	8.5	1.4	3.7	5.1	4.2	2.5
Business professionals	3.7	3.8	1.4	5.2	1.9	2.6
Other	7.4	4.7	4.1	8.8	3.7	4.4
<b>Para-professionals</b>	14.3	7.3	5.8	13.1	7.1	6.5
Engineering and building associates and technicians	1.6	1.7	0.1	1.8	0.8	0.9
Registered nurses	5.7	0.4	4.0	4.5	2.8	2.2
Other	7.0	5.2	1.7	6.8	3.5	3.4
<b>Tradespersons</b>	29.1	26.3	3.4	29.7	14.4	14.8
Metal fitting and machining tradespersons	2.8	2.4	—	2.4	1.4	1.2
Electrical and electronics tradespersons	4.0	4.5	0.1	4.6	2.0	2.3
Building tradespersons	6.4	6.9	0.1	7.0	3.2	3.5
Other	15.9	12.4	3.2	15.7	7.9	7.8
<b>Clerks</b>	33.0	8.8	26.1	34.9	16.4	17.4
Stenographers and typists	3.8	0.1	3.3	3.4	1.9	1.7
Receptionists, telephonists and messengers	5.0	1.2	4.6	5.7	2.5	2.8
Other	24.2	7.5	18.2	25.8	12.0	12.8
<b>Salespersons and personal service workers</b>	34.2	9.7	23.0	32.7	17.0	16.3
Sales representatives	2.9	2.0	1.3	3.3	1.4	1.6
Sales assistants	15.3	4.0	10.5	14.5	7.6	7.2
Other	16.0	3.7	11.2	14.9	7.9	7.4
<b>Plant and machine operators, and drivers</b>	16.2	15.1	2.1	17.2	8.0	8.6
Road and rail transport drivers	6.9	6.1	0.6	6.6	3.4	3.3
Machine operators	4.4	3.3	1.5	4.8	2.2	2.4
Other	4.9	5.7	—	5.8	2.4	2.9
<b>Labourers and related workers</b>	30.6	21.2	11.6	32.8	15.2	16.3
Trades assistants and factory hands	5.4	3.7	1.4	5.1	2.7	2.5
Agricultural labourers and related workers	7.0	5.8	2.2	8.1	3.5	4.0
Cleaners	6.4	1.3	4.6	5.9	3.2	2.9
Construction and mining labourers	2.0	2.9	0.1	3.0	1.0	1.5
Other	9.8	7.5	3.3	10.7	4.9	5.3
<b>Total employed</b>	<b>201.4</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>86.0</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.  
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—unpublished data.)

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## EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SECTOR AND INDUSTRY<sup>1</sup>: Original

Industry	Employees, February 1995					Percentage distribution	
	Private	Public	Private and public			February 1993	February 1995
	No. ('000)	No. ('000)	Males	Females	Persons		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	n.a.	0.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mining	1.5	—	1.4	0.1	1.5	1.7	1.1
Manufacturing	20.3	0.1	15.4	4.9	20.4	14.8	15.2
Electricity, gas and water, construction	6.0	2.7	7.6	1.0	8.7	6.8	6.5
Wholesale and retail trade	26.0	—	15.0	11.0	26.1	20.8	19.4
Transport and storage	3.6	1.5	4.1	1.1	5.2	4.1	3.9
Communication	—	2.3	1.8	0.6	2.3	1.6	1.7
Finance, property and business services	10.1	0.9	4.9	6.0	10.9	9.3	8.1
Public administration and defence	—	10.5	6.5	4.0	10.5	7.0	7.8
Community services	14.0	23.4	11.9	25.5	37.4	24.9	27.8
Recreation, personal and other services	10.2	0.6	4.1	6.7	10.8	8.4	8.0
<b>Total all industries</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia*, catalogue number 6248.0.  
(Source: *Employed Wage and Salary Earners*, ABS catalogue number 6248.0.)

# 10

## AVERAGE HOURS WORKED: Original

Month	Average weekly total hours worked, all employed persons <sup>1</sup>			Average weekly overtime hours <sup>2</sup>		Percentage of employees working overtime <sup>2</sup>
	Males	Females	Persons	Per employee	Per employee working overtime	
<b>1994</b>						
May	39.4	27.2	34.2	0.9	6.4	13.9
<b>1996</b>						
May	40.1	27.0	34.5	0.9	5.6	16.0
August	38.8	27.2	33.9	0.8	5.4	14.4
November	38.7	26.8	33.6	0.8	6.2	12.7
<b>1997</b>						
February	38.0	26.2	33.1	0.9	6.6	13.6
May	39.4	27.8	34.4	0.8	5.9	13.3

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

<sup>2</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6354.0.

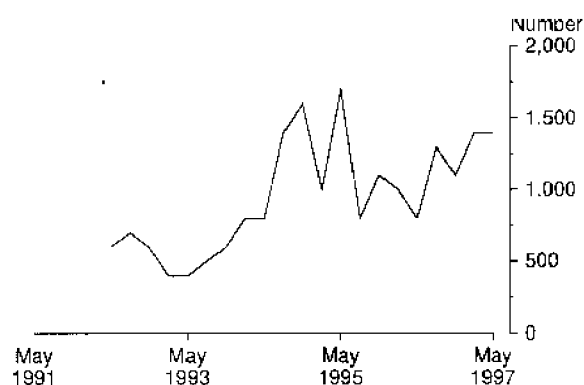
## 11 JOB VACANCIES<sup>1</sup>: Original

Period	Number	Rate <sup>2</sup> %
<b>1994</b>		
May	800	0.5
<b>1996</b>		
May	800	0.5
August	1 300	0.8
November	1 100	0.7
<b>1997</b>		
February	1 400	1.0
May	1 400	1.0

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts refer to *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia*, catalogue number 6354.0.

<sup>2</sup> Job vacancies are expressed as a percentage of the number of job vacancies divided by the number of employees plus job vacancies.

### JOB VACANCIES: Original



## 12 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES<sup>1</sup>: Original

Month	Working days lost '000	Twelve months ending	Working days lost per thousand employees no.
<b>1996</b>		<b>1996</b>	
April	0.1	April	20
May	0.2	May	19
June	0.4	June	17
July	4.4	July	39
August	5.2	August	70
September	1.3	September	77
October	0.1	October	77
November	0.3	November	79
December	0.1	December	78
<b>1997</b>		<b>1997</b>	
January	0.0	January	73
February	0.0	February	73
March	0.0	March	73
<b>Twelve months ended 1997</b>			
February	12.1		
March	12.1		

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Industrial Disputes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6321.0.

# 13

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES<sup>1</sup>: Original and trend

		Full-time adult males		All males	Full-time adult females		All females	Full-time adult persons		All employees
Survey reference period		Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly ordinary time earnings	Weekly total earnings	Weekly total earnings
Quarter		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ORIGINAL										
1996										
March	16 February	652.70	691.40	617.80	561.10	569.30	391.80	622.90	651.70	510.00
June	17 May	663.40	702.80	621.90	570.10	583.20	389.30	631.90	662.40	503.30
September	16 August	666.90	699.20	624.30	556.30	567.40	387.70	629.10	654.10	506.50
December	15 November	688.50	728.50	643.00	574.20	584.90	393.70	649.90	680.00	517.70
1997										
March	21 February	705.80	742.10	658.80	584.30	594.80	407.80	664.40	691.90	533.10
TREND										
1996										
March	16 February	653.10	691.10	614.30	560.00	571.10	392.90	622.00	651.00	506.40
June	17 May	661.40	698.70	621.90	563.70	575.10	391.20	628.80	657.40	507.10
September	16 August	672.40	709.70	631.80	567.20	578.60	391.30	636.90	665.60	511.00
December	15 November	686.60	723.40	641.80	572.10	583.00	394.40	647.50	675.60	517.70
1997										
March	21 February	702.70	738.40	650.60	578.70	588.50	399.00	659.80	686.70	525.10

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0. (Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.)

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(Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.)

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## WEEKLY AWARD RATES OF PAY INDEXES, FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES<sup>1</sup>: Original

(Base: June 1985 = 100.0)

Industry	1994	1996	1997		
	May	May	March	April	May
Mining	137.7	150.9	150.9	150.9	150.9
Manufacturing	146.9	152.3	153.6	153.6	153.6
Electricity, gas and water	133.4	137.6	137.6	137.6	137.6
Construction	142.6	149.3	149.5	149.5	149.7
Wholesale trade	139.9	146.7	148.4	148.4	148.4
Retail trade	139.6	143.7	144.1	144.1	144.1
Transport and storage	138.9	145.7	148.7	148.7	148.8
Communication	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.4
Finance, property and business services	137.8	140.5	140.6	140.6	140.6
Public administration and defence	148.3	156.9	157.7	157.7	157.7
Community services	140.8	148.4	149.1	149.1	149.1
Recreation, personal and other services	149.2	155.9	158.2	158.2	158.2
<b>Total all industries</b>	<b>141.7</b>	<b>147.7</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>148.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.  
(Source: *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.)

# 15

## SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MOVEMENTS IN WAGES AND PRICES: **Original**

Period	CPI, All groups Hobart	Price index of materials used in house building, All groups, Hobart	Price index of materials used in building other than house building, All groups, Hobart	Average weekly total, earnings, full-time adult employees	Weekly award rates of pay index, full-time adult employees
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
<b>1994</b>					
June	2.7	3.7	1.1	..	1.7
<b>1996</b>					
June	3.0	0.7	1.0	..	1.3
<b>1996</b>					
July	..	- 0.1	1.0	..	0.9
August	..	- 0.2	0.9	3.0	0.9
September	2.3	- 0.2	0.8	..	0.8
October	..	- 0.8	0.4	..	0.9
November	..	- 1.0	0.7	4.9	0.7
December	1.8	- 0.5	1.0	..	0.7
<b>1997</b>					
January	..	0.7	0.9	..	0.1
February	..	0.3	1.1	4.5	0.8
March	1.5	- 0.2	1.3	..	0.6
April	..	- 0.7	1.4	..	0.9
May	..	- 0.3	1.3	n.y.a.	0.6
June	0.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	..	n.y.a.

(Sources:

Consumer Price Index, ABS catalogue number 6401.0,

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, ABS catalogue number 6408.0,

Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0,

Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, ABS catalogue number 6302.0,

Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, ABS catalogue number 6312.0.)

# 16

## HOUSE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS<sup>1</sup>, HOBART: **Original**

(Base of each Index: 1989-90 = 100.0)

	Established house price index		Project home price index	
	Index	% change <sup>2</sup>	Index	% change <sup>2</sup>
1993-94	122.5	5.1	117.7	3.2
1994-95	129.0	5.3	121.3	3.1
1995-96	129.8	0.6	123.4	1.7
<b>1995</b>				
March	129.4	0.9	121.6	0.9
June	130.1	0.5	123.1	1.2
September	129.2	0.7	123.5	0.3
December	129.1	- 0.1	123.5	—
<b>1996</b>				
March	129.8	+ 0.5	123.3	- 0.2
June	131.2	+ 1.1	123.3	—
September	130.2	- 0.8	123.3	—
December	128.5	- 1.3	123.3	—
<b>1997</b>				
March	130.4	+ 1.5	123.3	—

<sup>1</sup> Used in calculating the mortgage interest charges component of the Consumer Price Index.

<sup>2</sup> Percentage change over previous period.

(Source: House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, ABS catalogue number 6416.0)

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, HOBART AND EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED<sup>1, 2</sup>: Original

(Base of each index: year 1989-90 = 100.0)

Period	<i>Hobart</i>					
	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Tobacco and alcohol</i>
<b>1994</b>						
December	113.3	105.3	97.6	113.9	115.0	139.1
<b>1995</b>						
March	115.4	105.0	102.7	114.9	115.1	140.3
June	116.1	106.1	104.5	115.4	117.2	143.1
September	117.3	105.9	106.0	116.5	119.4	144.3
December	117.1	105.6	106.5	117.5	120.1	145.9
<b>1996</b>						
March	118.1	106.3	107.2	117.8	119.0	150.3
June	118.4	106.0	107.6	118.5	119.8	153.3
September	120.0	105.9	107.4	119.1	119.7	153.7
December	120.6	105.6	104.8	119.4	121.8	152.7
<b>1997</b>						
March	120.7	105.7	101.9	120.1	122.8	153.1
June	121.0	105.3	98.4	120.1	121.7	153.5

Period	<i>Hobart</i>				<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>	
	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation and education</i>	<i>Index, all groups</i>	<i>% change over previous period, all groups</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>
<b>1994</b>						
December	138.7	113.0	114.2	+ 0.8	112.8	+ 0.8
<b>1995</b>						
March	140.4	115.4	116.1	+ 1.7	114.7	+ 1.7
June	141.0	114.0	117.1	+ 0.9	116.2	+ 1.3
September	146.7	113.3	118.4	+ 1.1	117.6	+ 1.2
December	146.9	115.8	119.2	+ 0.7	118.5	+ 0.8
<b>1996</b>						
March	149.7	117.1	120.1	+ 0.8	119.0	+ 0.4
June	150.5	116.0	120.6	+ 0.4	119.8	+ 0.7
September	154.1	115.1	121.1	+ 0.4	120.1	+ 0.3
December	154.8	116.8	121.3	+ 0.2	120.3	+ 0.2
<b>1997</b>						
March	159.4	120.5	121.9	+ 0.5	120.5	+ 0.2
June	162.6	119.2	121.3	- 0.5	120.2	- 0.2

<sup>1</sup> Further information on construction of CPI indexes is contained in the bulletin *The Australian Consumer Price Index Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Catalogue No. 6461.0).

<sup>2</sup> The CPI is now published on a reference base of 1989-90 = 100.0.  
(Source: *Consumer Price Index*, ABS catalogue number 6401.0.)



PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, HOBART: **Original**  
(Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0)

*Index numbers for selected major building materials*

<i>Period</i>	<i>Structural timber</i>	<i>Clay bricks</i>	<i>Ready mixed concrete</i>	<i>Precast concrete products</i>	<i>Steel decking, cladding etc.</i>	<i>Structural steel</i>
<b>1996</b>						
March	116.9	123.7	113.2	128.4	112.3	121.9
April	116.9	123.7	113.2	128.4	112.3	122.7
May	114.4	123.7	112.9	128.4	112.3	122.7
June	113.8	124.5	112.1	128.4	112.3	123.7
July	114.5	124.5	114.2	132.6	112.3	125.2
August	112.7	124.5	115.5	132.6	112.3	126.0
September	112.7	124.5	114.7	132.6	112.3	124.7
October	110.6	124.5	115.8	132.6	112.3	124.7
November	110.3	125.6	115.8	132.6	112.2	126.5
December	108.9	125.6	116.3	132.6	112.2	126.7
<b>1997</b>						
January	108.9	125.7	116.3	132.6	112.2	126.7
February	108.9	125.7	116.6	132.6	118.6	126.7
March	109.8	125.7	117.3	131.3	118.6	126.7
April	108.9	125.7	117.3	131.2	118.6	126.7
May p	108.9	125.7	117.5	131.2	118.9	126.7

*Index numbers for selected major building materials*

<i>Period</i>	<i>Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>	<i>Fabricated steel products</i>	<i>Builders' hardware</i>	<i>Sand &amp; aggregate</i>	<i>Paint &amp; other coatings</i>	<i>Non-ferrous pipes &amp; fittings</i>
<b>1996</b>							
March	109.2	104.7	108.3	117.7	133.1	121.5	169.4
April	109.2	104.4	111.5	117.3	133.1	118.1	172.8
May	109.2	104.4	111.5	116.0	133.1	120.6	174.5
June	109.2	104.4	111.9	116.1	133.1	124.5	174.5
July	109.2	104.4	111.9	115.4	133.1	126.1	168.7
August	110.7	104.4	112.4	118.9	133.1	126.1	167.9
September	110.8	104.4	113.6	119.0	133.1	126.7	167.9
October	110.9	105.5	113.6	119.1	133.1	126.7	160.8
November	110.9	105.5	113.4	119.1	133.1	127.0	160.9
December	110.9	105.5	113.4	118.2	133.1	128.2	162.4
<b>1997</b>							
January	110.9	106.8	113.4	118.2	135.0	127.8	162.4
February	111.0	106.8	113.4	118.0	134.2	127.3	163.1
March	110.9	106.8	113.5	115.1	134.2	127.2	166.9
April	110.9	106.8	113.5	115.1	134.2	127.2	166.9
May p	110.9	106.8	113.5	115.2	134.2	124.6	166.9

(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

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Period	<i>All electrical materials</i>		<i>All mechanical services</i>		<i>All plumbing materials</i>	
	Index	% change over previous period	Index	% change over previous period	Index	% change over previous period
<b>1996</b>						
March	118.6	+0.7	115.7	+0.3	127.6	—
April	118.3	-0.3	116.1	+0.3	126.6	-0.8
May	119.6	+1.1	116.1		127.1	+0.4
June	119.5	-0.1	116.5	+0.3	127.3	+0.2
July	119.5	—	116.3	-0.2	127.0	-0.2
August	113.7	-4.9	117.4	+0.9	126.0	-0.8
September	113.9	+0.2	117.6	+0.2	126.0	—
October	118.3	+3.9	117.3	0.3	120.4	-4.4
November	118.3	—	116.5	-0.7	120.7	+0.2
December	118.3	—	116.5	—	121.2	+0.4
<b>1997</b>						
January	118.4	+0.1	116.6	+0.1	120.8	-0.3
February	118.4	—	116.6	—	121.0	+0.2
March	117.6	-0.7	117.1	+0.4	122.3	+1.1
April	117.4	-0.2	117.1	—	122.5	+0.2
May p.	117.6	0.2	117.1	—	122.5	—
Period	<i>All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services</i>		<i>All groups</i>			
	Index	% change over previous period	Index		% change over previous period	
<b>1996</b>						
March	115.3	-0.3	115.1		-0.1	
April	115.2	-0.1	115.1		—	
May	115.3	+0.1	115.2		+0.1	
June	115.3	—	115.3		+0.1	
July	116.1	+0.7	115.8		+0.4	
August	116.5	+0.3	115.9		+0.1	
September	116.3	-0.2	115.8		-0.1	
October	116.2	-0.1	116.0		+0.2	
November	116.6	-0.3	116.1		+0.1	
December	116.7	+0.1	116.2		+0.1	
<b>1997</b>						
January	116.8	+0.1	116.3		+0.1	
February	117.1	+0.3	116.5		+0.2	
March	117.1	—	116.6		+0.1	
April	117.3	+0.2	116.7		+0.1	
May p.	117.2	0.1	116.7		—	

(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

Year or month	Dairy products <sup>1</sup>			Staff-hours worked	
	Whole milk <sup>2</sup>	Factory butter <sup>3</sup>	Factory cheese	Textile manufacturing <sup>4</sup>	Vegetable preserving
	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000	'000
1993-94	447.3	7 846	22 461	1 575	2 002
1994-95	436.5	8 105	20 529	1 527	1 838
1995-96	513.8	9 589	25 371	1 443	1 784
<b>1994</b>					
April	29.6	684	1 487	124	177
<b>1996</b>					
April	36.9	873	1 738	106	182
<b>1997</b>					
February	48.2	1 090	2 165	113	155
March	47.6	903	2 031	116	141
April	37.2	1 084	2 098	118	128
Year or month	Newsprint <sup>5</sup>	Refined zinc	Metal. refin. index <sup>6</sup>	Electricity	Gas
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes		million kW.h	'000 MJ
1993-94	208.9	193.8	105.5	8 855	55 767
1994-95	222.7	189.8	98.3	8 688	51 933
1995-96	242.9	207.8	104.7	9 100	41 035
<b>1994</b>					
April	15.4	13.8	89.3	672	4 176
<b>1996</b>					
April	19.5	17.9	106.3	751	3 087
<b>1997</b>					
February	16.8	14.6	106.0	670	—
March	19.8	17.3	119.8	756	—
April	19.0	16.6	109.7	766	—

<sup>1</sup> Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.  
<sup>2</sup> Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.  
<sup>3</sup> Includes butter equivalent of butter oil.  
<sup>4</sup> Includes spinning, weaving and carpet making. Reported by establishments which manufacture textiles only, or manufacture clothing and textiles in the one plant.  
<sup>5</sup> Excludes production of directory newsprint and high grade specialty paper.  
<sup>6</sup> Metallurgical refining index (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0) Output from selected establishments covering the smelting and refining of ferro-alloys, zinc and aluminium. The weighting pattern is based on the establishments' value added as derived from the 1979-80 Manufacturing Census. For multi-product establishments, value added was apportioned to products on the basis of gross receipts from each product.  
(Sources: ABS unpublished data.)

## 20

### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: **Original**

Year or month	<i>Cattle</i>		<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
	<i>Bulls, bullocks and steers</i>	<i>Cows and heifers</i>				
	'000	'000				
1993-94	101.8	85.2	23.2	526.1	437.8	95.8
1994-95	111.2	96.7	28.8	569.3	477.2	92.9
1995-96	95.4	88.9	41.4	349.7	393.3	86.5
<b>1995</b>						
May	10.9	10.3	1.2	43.6	41.1	8.2
<b>1996</b>						
May	10.4	10.8	1.4	37.0	37.9	7.7
June	8.7	9.2	0.7	27.7	31.8	7.0
July	7.3	5.8	1.8	21.6	25.3	7.2
August	6.2	4.6	13.4	13.2	21.2	6.3
September	6.4	5.2	16.8	14.0	25.4	6.3
October	7.6	6.4	6.1	19.8	25.2	5.9
November	9.4	8.0	0.6	32.3	27.1	5.7
December	12.3	8.9	0.2	42.0	28.2	7.0
<b>1997</b>						
January	12.8	8.1	0.1	47.5	42.8	6.8
February	10.6	8.8	0.1	47.4	35.6	6.2
March	10.1	8.1	0.4	43.5	35.0	6.6
April	10.3	11.0	1.6	47.6	35.2	6.8
May	11.2	12.6	1.6	38.5	43.0	7.9

(Source: *Livestock Products, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 7215.0.)

## 21

### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: **Seasonally adjusted and trend**

Month	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>			<i>Trend</i>		
	<i>Cattle and calves</i>	<i>Sheep and lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Cattle and calves</i>	<i>Sheep and lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1995</b>						
May	21.5	77.4	8.1	22.1	76.9	7.8
<b>1996</b>						
May	21.5	63.3	6.8	19.0	59.1	7.0
June	21.0	57.1	6.6	19.5	58.6	6.9
July	18.1	65.0	7.3	20.1	57.7	6.7
August	19.8	52.4	6.5	20.5	56.7	6.6
September	23.1	55.8	6.8	20.8	56.5	6.4
October	19.7	53.8	6.0	21.0	57.7	6.3
November	20.4	60.0	5.6	21.3	60.2	6.3
December	23.7	62.8	6.0	21.8	63.6	6.4
<b>1997</b>						
January	21.6	73.4	7.5	22.3	66.9	6.7
February	22.4	71.4	7.2	23.0	69.3	6.9
March	22.5	62.5	6.7	23.7	70.9	7.1
April	26.5	78.3	7.1	24.5	72.0	7.2
May	24.9	69.7	7.2	25.1	72.5	7.3

(Source: ABS unpublished data)

## 22

### MEAT PRODUCTION<sup>1</sup>: Original

	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat <sup>2</sup>	Total
Year or month	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
1993-94	47 458	515	9 992	7 047	6 019	71 031
1994-95	49 907	977	11 230	8 412	5 982	76 509
1995-96	45 377	875	7 414	7 407	5 634	66 707
<b>1995</b>						
May	4 881	39	895	761	532	7 108
<b>1996</b>						
May	5 246	34	779	715	502	7 276
June	4 461	18	578	600	456	6 113
July p	3 271	39	448	474	469	4 702
August p	2 638	272	270	398	411	3 990
September p	2 878	339	286	478	410	4 392
October p	3 434	125	409	474	386	4 827
November p	4 262	15	700	510	368	5 855
December p	5 559	7	928	528	456	7 479
<b>1997</b>						
January p	5 434	5	1 020	806	456	7 721
February p	4 976	6	1 019	670	413	7 083
March p	4 635	13	927	658	431	6 664
April p	5 394	38	1 014	663	445	7 553
May p	6 022	39	824	812	516	8 213

<sup>1</sup> Carcass weight.

<sup>2</sup> Includes pork used for production of bacon and ham.

(Source: *Livestock Products, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 7215.0.)

## 23

### PRINCIPAL MINERAL CONCENTRATES PRODUCED: Original

	Copper	Iron (pellets)	Lead	Lead- zinc	Tin	Zinc
Year or quarter	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1993-94	128.1	1 565.9	93.4	57.5	13.4	316.5
1994-95	59.4	1 483.8	97.4	45.3	14.3	350.6
1995-96	53.5	1 681.3	106.3	38.6	16.0	361.5
<b>1995</b>						
December	7.8	416.0	29.7	6.8	4.1	98.1
<b>1996</b>						
March	19.8	326.9	24.1	11.4	3.5	84.8
June	21.5	475.4	24.1	9.2	4.3	85.0
September	26.0	439.3	30.6	10.3	3.9	88.6
December	25.6	366.7	24.9	11.0	4.0	89.5
<b>1997</b>						
March	24.0	3.3	22.9	10.2	3.9	85.6

(Source: Tasmania—Development and Resources)

## 24

SAWMILLS AND PLYWOOD MILLS, LOGS DELIVERED AND TIMBER PRODUCED: **Original**

Year or quarter	Tasmanian-grown logs delivered					Sawn, peeled and sliced timber produced <sup>1</sup>				
	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts <sup>2</sup>	Plantation <sup>3</sup> softwoods	Native softwoods <sup>4</sup>	Total	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts <sup>2</sup>	Plantation <sup>3</sup> softwoods	Native softwoods <sup>4</sup>	Total
		'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>		'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>
1993-94	584.3	15.3	299.2	1.5	900.4	203.5	3.1	141.0	0.5	348.0
1994-95	653.1	12.6	304.9	2.8	973.4	212.5	4.3	142.7	0.6	360.1
1995-96	602.8	13.0	343.7	1.4	960.9	192.4	4.4	152.0	0.5	349.3
<b>1995</b>										
March	132.3	3.0	82.5	1.1	218.9	44.5	1.0	37.0	0.1	82.6
June	187.6	2.1	77.4	0.7	267.8	53.4	1.1	34.6	0.1	89.2
September	184.3	1.8	79.9	0.2	266.2	55.4	1.3	36.0	0.1	92.8
December	139.1	1.5	70.2	0.2	211.0	49.0	1.0	36.0	0.2	86.2
<b>1996</b>										
March	136.6	6.7	98.1	0.3	241.7	41.5	0.9	41.2	0.1	83.7
June	142.9	3.0	95.5	0.6	242.0	46.5	1.2	38.8	0.1	86.6
September	134.4	2.4	97.3	—	234.1	47.3	1.1	43.0	0.1	91.4
December	111.8	3.7	83.3	0.5	199.3	40.1	0.9	41.2	0.1	82.3
<b>1997</b>										
March*	107.9	6.3	86.1	0.4	200.6	34.0	0.9	37.1	—	72.1

<sup>1</sup> Includes plywood, veneer and sliced timber production converted to an equivalent cubic measurement.

<sup>2</sup> Includes blackwood, myrtle, sassafras etc.

<sup>3</sup> Radiata pine

<sup>4</sup> Includes Huon pine, celery top pine and King William pine.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

## 25

CHIPPING AND GRINDING OF WOOD<sup>1</sup>: **Original**

Year or quarter	Producing locations <sup>2</sup>	Materials used <sup>3</sup>			Chipped and ground wood production  ( <sup>1</sup> 000 tonnes green weight)
		Logs delivered <sup>4</sup>	Sawmill offcuts		
		'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>		
1993-94	30	3 448.8	339.8		3 726.1
1994-95	31	4 064.1	394.2		4 343.1
1995-96	31	3 510.0	457.9		3 820.1
<b>1995</b>					
March	31	1 090.6	95.7		1 177.1
June	31	967.9	120.1		1 059.3
September	32	935.6	118.2		1 044.1
December	31	932.1	104.6		939.9
<b>1996</b>					
March	32	842.6	109.8		958.0
June	31	799.6	125.3		878.1
September	30	767.5	133.5		870.9
December	30	805.1	117.9		908.4
<b>1997</b>					
March	28	759.7	87.0		829.2

<sup>1</sup> Both hardwoods and softwoods, separate details are not available.

<sup>2</sup> Capable of producing at end of year or actually producing during quarter.

<sup>3</sup> Data reported by weight, converted to cubic measure by the factor 0.95 m<sup>3</sup> per tonne.

<sup>4</sup> Includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

Year or quarter	Sawmilling and plywood milling			Chipping and grinding <sup>1</sup>			Total		
	Crown land <sup>2</sup>	Private land	Total	Crown land <sup>2</sup>	Private land	Total	Crown land <sup>2</sup>	Private land	Total
	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	'000 m <sup>3</sup>
1993-94	696.5	203.9	900.4	1 697.0	1 751.8	3 448.8	2 393.5	1 955.7	4 349.2
1994-95	780.3	193.2	973.4	1 966.8	2 097.3	4 064.1	2 747.1	2 290.4	5 037.6
1995-96	773.5	187.4	960.9	1 579.6	1 930.4	3 510.0	2 353.1	2 117.8	4 470.9
<b>1995</b>									
March	184.7	34.2	218.9	480.3	610.3	1 090.6	665.0	644.5	1 309.5
June	215.2	52.7	267.8	537.6	430.3	967.9	752.8	483.0	1 235.8
September	214.1	52.2	266.2	438.2	497.4	935.6	652.2	549.6	1 201.9
December	165.2	45.8	211.0	388.3	543.8	932.1	553.5	589.6	1 143.1
<b>1996</b>									
March	202.3	39.4	241.7	405.3	437.3	842.6	607.6	476.7	1 084.3
June	191.9	50.1	242.0	347.9	451.8	799.6	539.7	501.8	1 041.6
September	194.2	39.9	234.1	403.5	364.0	767.5	597.8	403.9	1 001.7
December	162.5	36.8	199.3	411.0	394.1	805.1	573.4	430.9	1 004.3
<b>1997</b>									
March	170.1	30.5	200.6	375.7	383.9	759.7	545.8	414.5	960.3

<sup>1</sup> Logs used are generally below sawmilling standard; includes log equivalent of limewood and billets.

<sup>2</sup> Comprises all areas (including concession areas) from which royalties are payable to Forestry Tasmania.  
(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

# 27

## BUILDING APPROVALS: Original

Year or month	New residential building			Value					
	Houses	Other <sup>1</sup>	Conversions etc.	Total dwelling units	New dwelling units	Alterations and additions <sup>2</sup> to residential building	Non-residential building <sup>3</sup>		Total of all building
							Private	Total	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1993-94	3 113	1 034	11	4 158	301 963	39 522	81 251	145 922	487 407
1994-95	2 576	596	14	3 176	244 623	39 963	117 984	161 567	446 152
1995-96	1 938	601	7	2 546	217 445	36 890	119 849	216 752	471 086
<b>1994</b>									
May	271	77	—	348	24 627	4 337	6 555	13 264	42 228
<b>1996</b>									
May	143	32	—	175	14 219	3 014	8 087	32 308	49 541
<b>1997</b>									
February	129	24	—	153	13 702	3 253	8 862	12 507	29 461
March	125	—	—	125	10 922	3 719	7 861	10 140	24 781
April	144	51	1	196	16 900	3 165	4 758	5 454	25 520
May	121	25	1	147	12 768	2 723	16 913	18 091	33 582

<sup>1</sup> New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).

<sup>2</sup> Valued at \$10,000 and over.

<sup>3</sup> Comprises non-residential building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$50,000 and over.

(Source: *Building Approvals, Tasmania*, ABS catalogue number 8731.6.)

# 28

## SECURED HOUSING COMMITMENTS<sup>1</sup>: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend

Month	Total number of dwellings <sup>2</sup>			Total value of commitments		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend
	no.	no.	no.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>1996</b>						
March	988	884	877	69.4	61.0	59.9
April	849	888	859	58.9	61.3	59.4
May	942	825	857	64.7	55.6	60.9
June	841	830	872	58.3	61.0	64.0
July	1 032	1 012	1 069	66.1	64.7	68.0
August	1 163	1 175	1 088	77.2	79.6	71.2
September	1 067	1 098	1 081	68.8	70.4	72.0
October	1 117	1 155	1 040	75.9	80.8	70.0
November	909	924	972	60.7	61.5	65.8
December	787	845	899	54.4	57.6	61.1
<b>1997</b>						
January	742	810	845	49.5	51.6	57.8
February	778	793	821	56.1	56.9	56.4
March	814	799	818	59.2	57.9	56.3
April	933	881	823	64.0	59.4	56.6
May	943	873	844	63.6	58.1	58.0

<sup>1</sup> Commitment is a firm offer of housing finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Includes commitments to provide housing finance to employees and commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

<sup>2</sup> Includes new dwellings, established dwellings and refinancing. Excludes alterations and additions.

(Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia*, ABS catalogue 5609.0.)



## 29

BANKING STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>: Original

Month	Deposits				
	Current bearing interest	Current – not bearing interest	Fixed	Investment savings accounts	Statement savings accounts
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996</b>					
May	674	262	1 697	541	158
June	659	260	1 707	541	158
July	687	253	1 737	540	161
August	692	249	1 758	543	163
September	690	240	1 768	552	165
October	699	238	1 787	559	168
November	692	237	1 791	560	169
December	699	244	1 771	570	188
<b>1997</b>					
January	662	246	1 763	583	235
February	695	241	1 764	605	229
March	692	252	1 780	606	231
April	687	250	1 791	600	231
May	695	249	1 760	600	230

Month	Deposits			Loans <sup>2</sup>
	Passbook/School savings accounts	Other	Total	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	
<b>1996</b>				
May	164	127	3 623	4 511
June	161	128	3 615	4 529
July	156	127	3 660	4 532
August	153	127	3 685	4 541
September	151	129	3 694	4 520
October	147	129	3 728	4 545
November	140	132	3 722	4 513
December	134	133	3 739	4 533
<b>1997</b>				
January	127	129	3 745	4 466
February	123	103	3 759	4 493
March	122	103	3 786	4 694
April	121	102	3 781	4 412
May	119	101	3 754	4 423

<sup>1</sup> Details are the averages of weekly figures for each month. The figures are derived from returns submitted by banks authorised under the *Banking Act* together with similar returns voluntarily submitted by the State banks; they exclude the Reserve Bank.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes non-resident loans.

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.)

## 30

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF ASSET<sup>1</sup>: Original

Year or quarter	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant, and machinery	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
1993–94	100	341	441
1994–95	133	503	636
1995–96	178	394	571
<b>1996</b>			
March	45	94	139
June	37	116	153
September	33	114	146
December	34	153	187
<b>1997</b>			
March	29	136	165

<sup>1</sup> Estimates based on a sample survey and therefore subject to sampling variability. Covers selected industries only—mining, manufacturing, finance, property and other selected industries.

(Source: *State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure*, ABS catalogue number 5646.0.)

# 31

## PASSENGER ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, TASMANIA<sup>1</sup>: Original

Period	By air		By sea	Total	Total departures <sup>2</sup>	Cruise ships	
	Interstate arrivals	International arrivals				Arrivals	Departures
1993	694 244	5 144	115 381	814 769	814 835	2 033	2 033
1994	745 508	4 166	128 644	878 318	880 936	6 592	6 592
1995	811 784	3 982	116 869	932 635	931 278	6 199	6 199
1996 p	829 654	2 999	115 486	948 139	960 569	5 286	5 286
<b>1995</b>							
December	84 067	452	11 972	96 491	80 306	1 590	1 590
<b>1996</b>							
October	68 956	352	10 073	79 381	79 774	—	—
November	68 037	431	11 341	79 809	78 803	—	—
December p	79 002	295	12 703	92 000	80 667	850	850

<sup>1</sup> The following persons are not included in these statistics: passengers under three years of age accompanied by an adult; passengers travelling on chartered flights with minor carriers; passengers travelling on private or VIP flights; and passengers from or departing for overseas other than direct flights to New Zealand.

<sup>2</sup> The proportion of departing passengers who were visitors was shown to be about 58% in the 1981 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 55% in the 1984 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 53% in the 1986 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 65% in the 1990 Tasmanian Visitor Survey, 60% in the 1994 survey, and 58% in the 1995 Tasmanian Visitor Survey.

(Source: Tourism Tasmania.)

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## TOTAL PASSENGER ARRIVALS BY AIR AND SEA, TASMANIA: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend

Period	Original	Seasonally adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Trend
<b>1995</b>			
December	96 491	77 749	77 754
<b>1996</b>			
October	79 381	81 475	80 076
November	79 809	81 484	78 838
December p	92 000	73 496	77 759

<sup>1</sup> There is an annual recalculation of seasonal adjustment factors to include the most recent year's arrivals. This occurs at the end of each financial year and may cause revisions to previously published seasonally adjusted and trend figures. A full time series of seasonally adjusted and trend series from January 1971 is available on request, telephone (03) 6220 5870.

(Source: Tourism Tasmania. ABS unpublished data.)

Period	HOTELS, MOTELS, ETC. WITH FACILITIES					
	Original		Room nights		Original	
	Establishments <sup>1</sup> no.	Guest rooms <sup>1</sup> no.	Seasonally adjusted <sup>2</sup> no.	Trend estimates <sup>2</sup> no.	Room occupancy rate %	Takings from accommodation \$'000
<b>March quarter</b>						
1995	177	5 380	n.a.	n.a.	68.2	24 963
1996	180	5 520			67.1	26 267
1997	189	5 611			62.9	25 850
<b>1995</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	84 462	86 826	61.8	7 971
February	n.a.	n.a.	89 522	86 896	69.2	7 713
March	177	5 380	89 885	87 220	73.7	9 279
<b>1996</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	88 997	90 353	62.6	8 575
February	n.a.	n.a.	91 402	89 251	69.1	8 514
March	180	5 520	87 965	88 025	69.8	9 178
<b>1997</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	81 159	86 359	56.0	8 135
February	n.a.	n.a.	87 577	86 056	65.4	8 352
March	189	5 611	87 267	86 334	67.5	9 362

Period	HOLIDAY UNITS					
	Original		Unit nights		Original	
	Establishments <sup>1</sup> no.	Units <sup>1</sup> no.	Seasonally adjusted <sup>2</sup> no.	Trend estimates <sup>2</sup> no.	Unit occupancy rate %	Takings from accommodation \$'000
<b>March</b>						
1995	55	867	n.a.	n.a.	72.7	4 391
1996	54	830			64.2	3 835
1997	57	862			65.5	3 961
<b>1995</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	14 001	14 297	75.9	1 649
February	n.a.	n.a.	14 704	14 601	70.1	1 334
March	55	867	14 828	14 780	71.9	1 408
<b>1996</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	12 240	12 818	69.0	1 477
February	n.a.	n.a.	12 353	12 771	61.8	1 174
March	54	830	12 136	12 681	61.8	1 184
<b>1997</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	12 904	13 258	69.8	1 550
February	n.a.	n.a.	12 980	13 216	62.6	1 150
March	57	862	12 965	13 118	63.7	1 262

Period	CARAVAN PARKS					
	Original		Site nights		Original	
	Establishments <sup>1</sup> no.	Sites and cabins <sup>1</sup> no.	Seasonally adjusted <sup>2</sup> no.	Trend estimates <sup>2</sup> no.	Site occupancy rate %	Takings from accommodation \$'000
<b>March quarter</b>						
1995	75	6 834	n.a.	n.a.	39.2	2 886
1996	72	6 524			42.1	3 126
1997	73	6 568			43.8	3 199
<b>1995</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	63 575	65 044	45.5	1 156
February	n.a.	n.a.	65 183	65 070	38.1	887
March	75	6 834	64 164	65 209	34.0	844
<b>1996</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	64 854	65 931	48.5	1 249
February	n.a.	n.a.	65 465	65 858	40.4	1000
March	72	6 524	69 259	65 832	37.3	878
<b>1997</b>						
January	n.a.	n.a.	64 749	66 798	49.7	1 304
February	n.a.	n.a.	67 675	67 213	41.1	953
March	73	6 568	69 764	67 782	40.4	941

<sup>1</sup> At end of quarter. <sup>2</sup> Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are revised annually because of yearly seasonal re-analysis.  
(Source: Tourist Accommodation, Tasmania, ABS catalogue number 8635.6.)

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## REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES<sup>1</sup>: Original

	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles <sup>2</sup>	Total (excl. motor cycles)	Vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses <sup>3</sup>	Motor cycles
Year or month	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1994	10 543	2 837	13 380	1 708	376
1995	10 919	2 874	13 793	1 952	393
1996	11 445	2 726	14 171	2 384	462
<b>1995</b>					
May	973	383	1 356	6	30
<b>1996</b>					
May	916	286	1 202	3	44
June	744	250	994	9	32
July	1 099	242	1 341	232	26
August	1 040	296	1 336	216	52
September	1 171	177	1 348	448	38
October	1 042	265	1 307	213	35
November	1 072	195	1 267	370	50
December	1 491	246	1 737	823	48
<b>1997</b>					
January	756	179	935	4	49
February	746	152	898	3	34
March	738	220	958	3	39
April	815	232	1 047	1	46
May	941	270	1 211	6	36

<sup>1</sup> Includes State and Commonwealth Government-owned motor vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

<sup>2</sup> Comprises utilities, panel vans, rigid and articulated trucks and other truck-type vehicles (i.e. motor vehicles designed for purposes other than freight carrying, e.g. campervans, tow trucks, ambulances and hearses) and buses.

<sup>3</sup> These figures are included in previous columns.

(Source: *Motor Vehicle Registrations Australia*, ABS catalogue number 9301.0. ABS unpublished data.)

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## TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AT CURRENT PRICES<sup>1</sup>: Original and trend

Period	Original \$m	Trend estimates	
		\$m	Change from corresponding month of previous year %
<b>1995</b>			
May	229.0	236.6	2.3
<b>1996</b>			
May	250.3	246.7	4.3
June	230.6	245.5	3.6
July	229.1	244.3	3.1
August	238.2	243.7	2.8
September	222.5	243.8	2.6
October	249.1	244.7	2.4
November	257.9	246.0	2.2
December	324.3	247.4	2.0
<b>1997</b>			
January	247.4	248.5	1.6
February	224.7	249.5	1.3
March	242.2	250.6	1.4
April	245.9	251.7	1.8
May	254.0	252.9	2.5

<sup>1</sup> Survey has been re-designed—see Information Paper (8511.0).

(Source: *Retail Trade, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 8501.0.)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Population</b>							
Estimated resident population, December 1996 ('000) p	6 240.9	4 581.6	3 374.3	1 476.8	1 782.7	474.2	18 426.9
Proportion of Australian population, December 1996 (%) p	33.9	24.9	18.3	8.0	9.7	2.6	100.0
Population growth rate, 12 months to December 1996 (%) p	1.3	0.9	2.2	0.4	1.9	—	1.3
<b>Labour Force</b>							
Employment growth, 12 months to June 1997 (trend series) (%)							
Males	0.7	—	- 0.2	0.9	3.0	- 3.8	0.5
Females	0.1	1.9	3.8	- 0.2	- 0.8	- 4.9	1.1
Persons	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.4	1.4	- 4.3	0.7
Unemployment rate (trend series), June 1997 (%)	8.0	9.3	9.3	9.7	7.1	10.8	8.7
Unemployment growth, 12 months to June 1997 (trend series) (%)	0.1	8.5	1.2	4.8	- 6.7	- 2.9	1.9
Participation rate (trend series), June 1997 (%)	61.7	63.5	64.1	62.1	65.5	58.4	63.1
Average weekly overtime worked per employee, May 1997 (hours)	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.1
Job vacancy rate, May 1997 (%)	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.9
Working days lost through industrial disputes, 12 months to March 1997 (days per '000 employees)	132	121	172	55	69	73	122
<b>Wages and Prices</b>							
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees (trend series) February 1997 (\$)							
Males	822.3	787.7	742.6	735.8	805.7	738.4	790.7
Females	656.4	626.7	595.4	598.1	601.5	588.5	630.9
Persons	758.9	733.4	691.4	689.6	733.8	686.7	733.3
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, growth rate, 12 months to February 1997 (%)	1.9	4.5	6.6	4.0	1.5	5.5	3.7
Consumer price index, all groups, annual growth to June quarter 1997 (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.3	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3
<b>Building</b>							
% change in the number of new residential dwelling units approved in 12 months ended May 1997, over the same period previous year	6.4	3.9	6.3	- 0.8	- 6.1	- 24.8	3.1
<b>Finance and Retail Trade</b>							
% change in private new capital expenditure, 12 months ended March 1997, over the same period previous year	14.6	25.2	28.8	29.6	- 6.7	3.3	16.6
% change in trend estimates turnover of retail establishments, May 1997 (change from corresponding month of the previous year)	- 0.1	7.6	4.0	0.2	3.4	2.5	2.8
<b>Transport</b>							
% change in number of new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered 12 months ended May 1997, over the same period previous year	4.4	6.2	4.0	- 1.2	6.6	8.2	4.3
<b>Agriculture</b>							
% change in the number of livestock slaughtered 12 months ended May 1997 over the same period previous year							
Cattle and calves	2.9	8.1	0.7	- 5.6	1.0	10.6	3.2
Sheep and lambs	- 3.3	1.8	16.4	- 0.7	15.0	—	2.2
<b>Tourism</b>							
Room occupancy rates for hotels, motels etc. with facilities, March quarter 1997(%)	60.9	59.8	57.3	55.4	57.1	62.9	58.6
<b>Australian National and State Accounts</b>							
% change in GSP (GDP), Average 1989-90 Prices Trend Series							
Dec. qtr 1996 to Mar. qtr 1997	0.4	1.4	0.6	0.4	1.1	1.0	1.1
Mar. qtr 1996 to Mar. qtr 1997	3.5	2.7	3.8	1.0	3.9	1.0	3.6

<sup>1</sup> Australian totals include the ACT and NT.<sup>2</sup> CPI applies to State capitals.

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